

REMARKS

Claims 1-58 are pending. By this amendment, previously withdrawn Claims 1-28 and 43-55 have been canceled without prejudice. Claim 38 is amended in this response. No new matter is believed to be added. In addition, unless a passage of a claim is specifically discussed below in connection with one or more cited references, Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the claims should be constructed as being submitted merely to clarify the invention rather than as a limitation submitted to overcome a cited reference.

Allowable Subject Matter

On page 2 of the Office Action, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indicated allowable subject matter of Claims 29-37, 39-42, and 56-58.

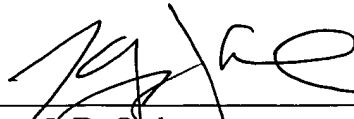
Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 cited in the Office Action

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claim 38 as being indefinite, particularly with regard to the reference to “a third attrition plate assembly.” In response, Applicant has amended the dependency of Claim 38, in accord with the Examiner’s suggestion, to depend from Claim 37.

Therefore, Applicants respectively request allowance of all of the outstanding claims, *i.e.*, Claims 29-42 and 56-58. The Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact directly the undersigned if such contact may enhance the efficient prosecution of this application to issue.

No fee is believed to be due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

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